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Subject: Proposal for CHI "Open EPANET" website

Regan and Michelle,

Bryant McDonnell and I had a call with Rob James the CEO of CHI (a third party SWMM and EPANET software vendor) this afternoon regarding Open Source SWMM. Rob was very interested to hear about what US EPA has been up to on SWMM development recently. I described the process of getting SWMM 5.1.13 out the door from our perspective and the work I have been doing on SWMM testing, reentrancy, and python wrappers at OWA.

We touched on NCIMM a bit as well. Rob's perception is that US EPA has been sidelined from NCIMM's SWMM 6 planning activities since the lead up to the Modeling Summit and has been frustrated in subsequent discussions with Charles and Bob Dickinson. At one point in the conversation he asked me specifically how I felt about the future of SWMM at the Agency. I explained to him that we are in a phase of upheaval and it remains to be seen how things will play out. I said that we are hiring another modeler whom we envision will contribute to SWMM and EPANET.

He mentioned the letters that he and Ted Burgess wrote stating that he hoped they would be circulated so that US EPA management would better appreciate his relationship to SWMM, CHI's standing in the community, and their concerns about NCIMM and the future of SWMM. It is my impressions that Rob is aligned with the US EPA and our continued involvement in SWMM and EPANET because he believes it is good for the modeling community and good for his business.

I did get a chance to ask him about CHI's interest in moving forward with an "Open EPANET" website similar to "Open SWMM." Rob seemed enthusiastic and positive about moving forward with the idea. Overall it was a positive discussion.

-Michael